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In re Appln. of: S. Fuks, et al.

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For: ACTIVE KNEE BOLSTER WITH
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SYSTEM AND METHOD

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants cite the following references (each listed for the Examiner's convenience on the enclosed Form PTO-1449):

U.S. Patent Documents

No.	Date of Publication	Patentee/Applicant/Assignee
6,213,506	04/10/01	Swann et al.
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EP 1 104 725 A2	06/06/01	Europe
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OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

Report to Congress: <i>Status on Establishing a Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard for Frontal Offset Crash Testing</i> , April 1994 (pgs. 1-18)
Stucki, et al., <i>Determination of Frontal Offset Test Conditions Based on Crash Data</i> , 1998, Paper Number 98-S1-O-02
Eppinger, et al., <i>Supplement: Development of Improved Injury Criteria for the Assessment of Advanced Automotive Restraint Systems II</i> , March 2000 (40 pgs.)

A copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) is also enclosed. Applicants respectfully solicit the Examiner's consideration of the listed references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Date



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Copies of listed references

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